

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 9**  
**INCIDENT NO. 96-01**  
**DATE: April 30, 1996                      TIME: 4:00 p..m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood. (Separate situation reports are being issued regarding flooding in the rest of the state, incident #96-37.)
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on April 29, 1996, was 1436.12 feet M.S.L., a 120 year high.  
  
Ramsey County Rural Utilities is experiencing surface water entering lift stations requiring pumping.  
  
Benson County officials report the Graham's Island Road is inundated and closed.  
  
In Nelson County, overland flooding is impacting the transportation system. Nelson County officials report 19 township and county roads are barricaded due to washouts or inundation including Dutch Point Road which crosses Stump Lake.  
  
Stump Lake levels are rising due to above average inflows. The water is about two feet from inundating ND Highway 1.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:  
  
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.  
  
STATE: No change from previous reports.  
  
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS:
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: A State Flood Coordination Center meeting was held in Devils Lake, April 25, 1996.

The ND Attorney General's Office has sponsored a meeting to discuss and clarify the issue of liability for Devils Lake debris and flooded structures which may become water hazards.

ND National Guard officials have developed alternate routes for National Guard units moving personnel and equipment in the Devils Lake area due to commonly used routes becoming impassable by convoys.

Camp Gilbert C. Grafton officials are continuing to pump water from the small arms range and have worked out an agreement with ND Department of Transportation to plug the culvert on ND Highway 57 if the water comes over the railroad berm that is serving as a dike.

Through the Available Storage Acreage Program (ASAP), 107 applications with a potential for approximately 15,000 acre feet of upper Devils Lake basin storage have been received. Implementation will continue this summer and fall. Twenty-three contracts have been approved and structures constructed allowing for 3,800 acre feet of storage. Efforts from state and local officials including program promotion, deadline extension, and lake level projections are encouraging program participation. State Water Commission construction crews are working on structures to provide upper basin storage in the Devils Lake area.

ND Parks and Recreation Department is protecting the bait shop at Graham's Island State Park with a dike for 1996. A hazard mitigation project to relocate the building is being submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII.

ND Department of Transportation is letting bids on May 17 for reconstruction of the Mauvais Coulee bridge on ND Highway 19. The department is planning for October 1996 completion.

Benson County officials let bids to raise the Woods Rutten Road two feet to 1442 M.S.L. and widen the roadbed to 32 feet.

The Devils Lake Sioux Tribe and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are relocating threatened homes at Fort Totten to 1450 feet M.S. L. HUD is relocating 24 homes, with 12 already moved. The tribe has moved three homes of the six homes it is planning on moving.

The Devils Lake Homeowners Association met on April 29. The program consisted of a representative of NDSU Extension Service, with a stress management activity, two area house movers with information on house moving, and FEMA and State Water Commission (SWC) staff explaining the key points of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) liberalization policy announced by FEMA. FEMA and SWC officials will work with insurers, adjusters, and policy holders in the Devils Lake area over the next several weeks to provide customer service.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.

8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: Ramsey County officials report Devils Lake remains ice covered.

The next State Flood Coordination Center meeting will be held, April 25, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse basement meeting room. State Flood Coordination Center Meetings are currently scheduled for every two weeks.

The Devils Lake Basin snowmelt water is moving toward Devils Lake. Channel A is carrying 546 cfs and Mauvais Coulee is running at 643 cfs. Peak flows are moving through the upper lakes at this time.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglas C. Friez, State Director